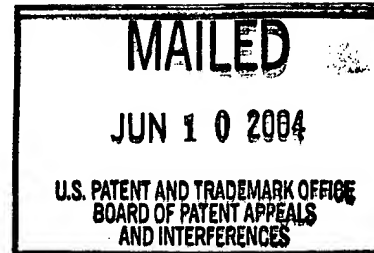


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

In re RAINER PFLUG et al.)
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Application 09/754,618) Appeal No. 04-1171
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Filed: January 4, 2001)
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO RESET HEARING DATE

An oral hearing before a merits panel of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has been set for August 17, 2004. The notice setting the hearing was mailed to applicants' agent on May 28, 2004 (Paper No. 19). The date applicants' agent received the notice is not apparent from the record. On June 3, 2004, a facsimile letter was received (Paper No. 20) wherein applicant's agent requested that the oral hearing be rescheduled. The request has been granted.

According to applicants' agent:

[Applicants] . . . request[] a rescheduling of the oral hearing, set for August 17, 2004. [Their agent] has made arrangements for a vacation for the time period from August 2, 2004 to August 23, 2004. Travel and hotel expenses have already been prepaid and are non-refundable.

Grant of the request for rescheduling . . . is thus respectfully requested.

For the reasons given above, it is

Ordered that the request to reschedule the hearing to a date after August 17, 2004, is granted, and that a new date for the oral hearing will be sent to applicants.

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